

**Human Trafficking Task Force**  
**Meeting Minutes January 24<sup>th</sup> 2013**

Convened at 10:05 AM

Task Force Members Present: Martha Coakley, Liam Lowney, Stephanie Decandia, Lisa Goldblatt Grace, Amy Farrell, Cherie Jimenez, Ellen Slaney, Julie Dahlstrom, Ellen Lemire, Susan Goldfarb, Chief Tom Pasquarello, Sheridan Haines, Dep. Sup. Kelly Nee and Audrey Porter

Approval of Meeting Minutes – AG Coakley

- Motion to approve Minutes of 11/7/12 HTTF by Liam Lowney
- Seconded by Sheridan Haines
- Minutes adopted unanimously and will be posted on the AGO website

Position Changes within the Task Force – AG Coakley

- Pi Heseltine will no longer serve as the designee for the Massachusetts State Police

Update from Victim Services Subcommittee- Liam Lowney

- Examined the costs associated safe house pilot program for human trafficking victims and identified possible funding sources to implement a pilot program
  - Considered the definition of “safe house” and reviewed programs outside of Massachusetts. Identified consistent partners for these programs
- Examined comprehensive exiting services to provide a continuum of care for victims exiting exploitation and build self-sufficiency
- Survivor Led Programming to build a higher level of trust in a non-judgmental setting and provide for more appropriate and individualized services
  - Considered various examples of survivor led programming: educational groups, alumni networks, mentoring groups, relapse prevention groups and leadership programs
- Housing Accommodations to ensure safe and secure housing for victims of human trafficking and in conjunction with comprehensive exiting services and survivor led services
  - Constraints that need to be considered relate to population, specific requirements for youth and safety concerns
  - Multiple funding streams may increase the sustainability of program

Update from Data Collection Subcommittee – Amy Farrell

- Development of a standardized screening tool for potential victims
  - List of questions for both minors and adults aimed to set off “red flags”
- Development of a protocol to guide the sharing of information
  - The system should guide users on who to screen, how to begin screening and how to proceed if a potential victim is identified
- Development of a collection sharing tool to facilitate communication and sharing of information about identified victims and/or incidents
  - Currently, no state has a database, but NY has a certification process that is able to share information

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- Database will need to be able to achieve multiple goals, store private data, share information, coordinate cases, allow for data entry for multiple access points and evaluate/process statics.
- Next steps
  - Focus on recommendations for the data sharing tool: structure, fields and security issues
  - Finalize all subcommittee recommendations

**Demand Reduction Subcommittee Presentation - Michael Shively & Maureen Casey**

- Demand Subcommittee goals are to examine ways to curtail the demand side of trafficking such as self-sustaining first offender diversion programs.
- Reverse Stings, which focus on the “buyer” instead of the “seller”
- Education programs, for example “John Schools”
  - After police conducts reverse sting and court processes offender, case is dismissed if eligible men attends class and pays fee.
- The C.A.R.D. PROGRAM (Community Approach to Reducing Demand) in Worcester
  - Purpose is to reduce demand by getting the Johns to empathize with their victims
  - Curriculum teaches the legal consequences, health risks, impacts on victim families and communities, domestic violence, and the realities of the sex industry

**Information on upcoming meetings – AG Coakley**

- Next meeting March 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am
- May 8<sup>th</sup> Subcommittee Recommendations due

**Motion to Adjourn – AG Coakley**

- Seconded by Chief Pasquarello and Amy Farrell
- Unanimous approval

Meeting Adjourned: 12:15 pm